S D Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Services
523 East Capitol, Joe Foss Building
Pierre, SD 57025

Date: October 1, 2008

RE: Hyperion Energy Center Air Quality Permit.

Dear Mr. Rombough,

I would like to voice my support of the air quality permit being considered for the proposed Hyperion Energy Center located north of Elk Point.

Many people have already publicly commented on the benefits of locating an environmentally friendly energy center in our county. I agree with their comments. However, I think it's important to note that many environmental groups have publicly endorsed the technology that is proposed for the Hyperion Energy Center.

On Feb. 8, 2006, The Sierra Club, Clean Air Task Force and several other environmental watch dog groups sent a scathing 26 page letter to Stephen Johnson, Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency for failing to require facilities to consider IGCC technology as the BACT when contemplating permits to expand or update energy generation capacity. In that letter, the groups stated that IGCC is an inherently cleaner "production process" for the generation of electricity. They went on to say the IGCC is the lowest emitting among all coal production processes. The letter quoted an expert who stated IGCC is capable of exceeding the most environmentally stringent regulations. In addition, they endorse IGCC as it is a proven technology that has been operating at two plants with in the United States and others abroad for over 10 years. The letter and it's numerous enclosures can be viewed on line at http://www.catf.us/advocacy/legal/BACT_LAER/.

Finally, I implore the agency to ignore comments opposing the exploitation of Alberta's tar sands as a source of energy. The pros and cons of the Canadian tar sands as an energy source are irrelevant for the purposes of evaluating and issuing an air quality permit.

Sincerely,

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